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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of :  
Corey J. Kenneally, et al : Confirmation No. 6519  
Serial No.: 09/554,211 : Group Art Unit: 1621  
Filed: May 10, 2000 : Examiner: D. Carr  
Title: **A Process for Making High Purity Lower Alkyl Esters**

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 10/22/02**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 10/22/02 in the above-identified patent Application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the Application in view of the following remarks. An RCE and a Supplemental IDS are also enclosed.

**REMARKS**

**Status of the Case**

Claims 11-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 11-13, 17-18, 20, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated. Claims 11-39 are pending in the case.

**A. 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph, Rejection**

Claims 11-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.